

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been canceled.

Claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 13-16 will be pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Colton et al. (2002/0132871).

Claims 10 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Colton et al. (2002/0132871).

Claims 13-16 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-12. Applicants have rewritten claim 13 in independent form to include all the recitations of the base claim, formerly claim 1. Applicants submit that rewritten claim 13 is in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that claims 14-16 depend from claim 13 and therefore are also in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection and allow claims 13-16.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Amendment under 35 U.S.C. § 1.116

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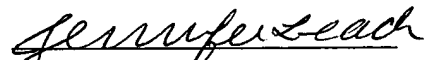
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